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[redacted] report contains the following

Information:

- a. Constanta Maritime Authorities issued notice that certain zones were closed on 9 February 1958 for gunnery practice;
- b. Six Albanian minesweepers were seen in the Adriatic steering a course for Durres, Albania;
- c. Observations at the port of Burgas, Bulgaria;
- d. Observations at the port of Varna, Bulgaria;
- e. Shipment of cement from Varna, Bulgaria

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SUBJECT: BULGARIA - Ports of Burgas and Varna

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RUMANIA - Port of Constanta

YUGOSLAVIA - Port of Dugirat

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A) INFORMATION AND REMARKS ON SEA VOYAGE

1) Gunnery areas closed to shipping

[redacted] The Constanta Maritime Authority has issued the following notices
numbered 9 and 10 to notify mariners of zones closed to shipping
because of gunnery practice:

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No. 9 CK 53 24/2 1750 Greenwich Time 09 February 25 ~~beginning~~
from
to
1900 ~~and~~ 2200 hours Greenwich Time the area lying between shore
long

and lat 44 16 N - 28 37.4 E --- lat 44 16 N - long 28 40 East
lat 44 09 N - 28 47 E --- lat 44 09 N - long 29 03 East
lat 44 46.5 N 29 06 E --- lat 44 37.6 N - long 28 56.5 East

No. 19 sic CK 53 24/2 1750 Greenwich Time 09 February 27

from 0000 to 1600 hours Greenwich Time the area lying between

shore and ~~latitude~~ ~~longitude~~
lat 44 10 N - 28 37.4 E --- lat 44 16 N - 28 40 E
lat 44 09 N - 28 47 E --- lat 44 09 N - 29 03 E
lat 44 46.5 N - 29 06 E --- lat 44 37.6 N - 28 56.5 E

2) Albanian Naval Units in the Adriatic;

[redacted]

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[redacted] six Albanian minesweepers which were on a
course for Durres.

B) BULGARIA - PORT OF BURGAS

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1) Boarding inspection party - Checks - Seals - Pass and leave:

While the crew was mustered amidships, a Bulgarian officer and two soldiers, guided by one of ship's officers, inspected all compartments of the ship. This took time but the inspection was superficial. The crew was checked for currency, against the ^{mustered} _{list}, and for booklets. The radio set, binoculars, and cameras were sealed. Pass and leave from 0600 to 2400 were granted to all.

2) Naval Units in Port:

Two vessels of the Artillerist class at the shore end of the outer breakwater. A ^{small} ~~light~~ vessel, perhaps of MD 1 class, was observed.

3) Work in Progress:

Filling is in progress on the curved stretch, and a floating crane is laying stone blocks.

4) Areas Closed to Shipping:

[Large rectangular redacted area]

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5) Miscellaneous:

[Large rectangular redacted area]

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people are disgusted with living conditions and a high percentage of Bulgarians share this resentment for Communism.

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C) BULGARIA - PORT OF VARNA [redacted] 25X1

1) Boarding inspection party - Checks - Seals - Pass and leave;

[redacted] No essential difference in degree of control. In fact, this inspection was more cordial and done more quickly. 25X1

2) Naval Units in Port'

[redacted] One vessel with single funnel, one mast carrying search radar antenna; two shielded guns forward, torpedo tubes abaft of midships. Operator identified this as resembling a Riga class escort vessel. Five or six magnetic minesweepers having one funnel, one mast with radar antenna; only armament was machine guns; drum with electric cable aft. [redacted] 25X1

3) Material Stored in Port;

[redacted] Numerous large packing cases were lying in the main storage area. They came from Czechoslovakia and some of them were bound for Djakarta. 25X1

4) Danube River Traffic.

[redacted] Danube River 25X1
 [redacted] large
 barge traffic is being increased by/Czechoslovak barges in the past few months. [redacted] a new 25X1
 route has been opened on a stretch of the river leading to the mouth, thus saving considerable time for traffic headed [redacted] for the northern part of the Black Sea west shore.

5) Bunkering

[redacted] No objection was made to a request for 150 tons of fuel oil. 25X1
 The ship was taken to the only outlet, which distributes about 50 tons an hour.

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E) RUMANIA - PORT OF CONSTANTA

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1) Work in the Port;

The decking of the quay has been completed (4). It has six electric cranes of 5-ton lift each.

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Two new warehouses have been completed, and excavation work has begun for another warehouse in the free zone on the eastern side of the ~~quay~~ quay.

F) YUGOSLAVIA - PORT OF DUGIRAT

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1) Miscellaneous:

[redacted] Ship [redacted] transported coal from Odessa to Dugirat, for the local acetylene gas factory. Dugirat has only one wooden pier, resting on concrete piling.

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The coal is unloaded into industrial railroad cars (Decauville) which run on raised trackage. The pier has the approximate shape and dimensions shown on the sketch (Attachment 1). A large float is set in the center to serve as a storage area for the Decauville and other mechanical equipment.

[redacted] the local population is not in economic misery because the factory employs 400 to 500 workers, and farming is well developed. Dugirat is not a large town.

Further, merchant traffic has increased lately so that two or three steamers arrive weekly. This presupposes that the factory has increased its production.

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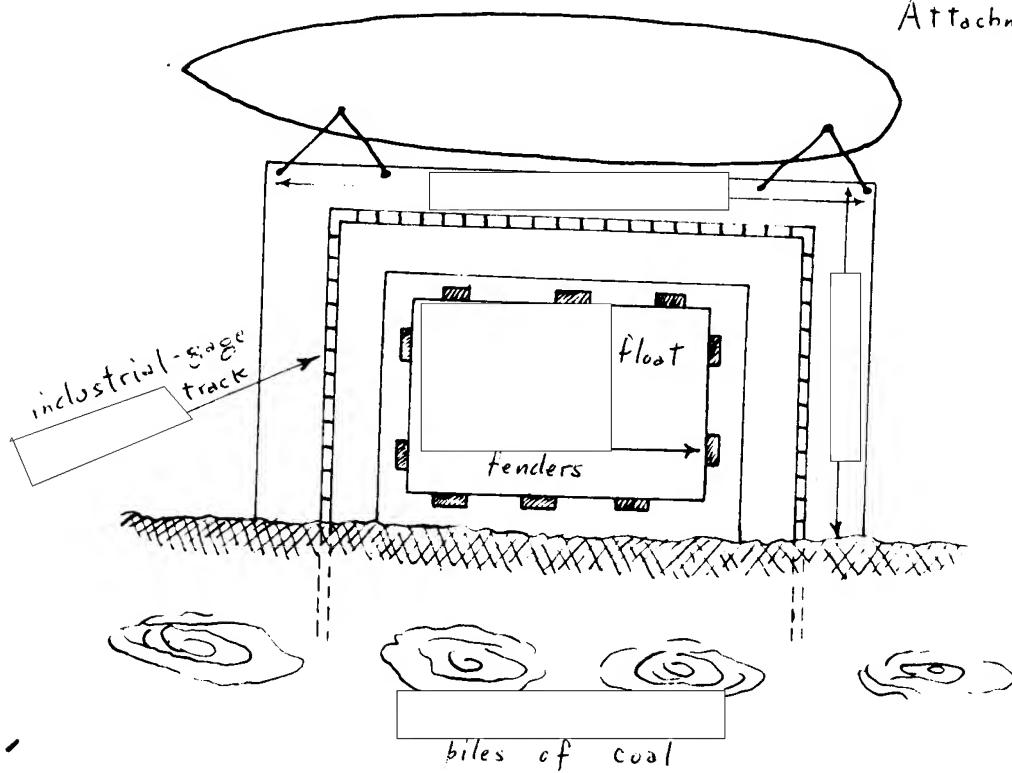
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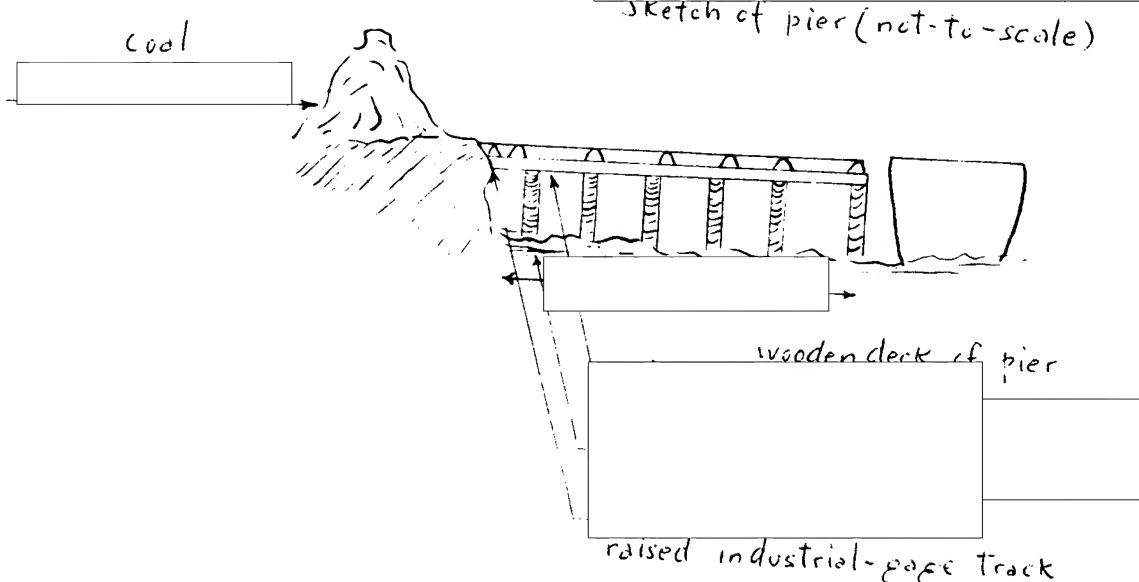
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YUGOSLAVIA "DUGIRAT"

Sketch of pier (not-to-scale)

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